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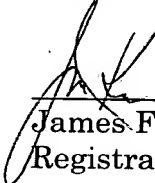
Claims 1-8, 10, 17-18, 23, 25 and 27-30 have been cancelled. Claims 9, 11-16, 24 and 26 have been amended as appropriate to place them in allowable condition.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080408.48375US).

Respectfully submitted,

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